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SUBJECT: LA MALFA PROPOSES GREATER PARTICIPATION BY COMMUNISTS
IN GOVERNMENT

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1. IN SEPARATE INTERVIEWS PUBLISHED IN /LA REPUBBLICA/ AND
/CORRIERE DELLA SERA/ ON NOVEMBER 6, REPUBLICAN PARTY PRESIDENT
LA MALFA DECLARED THAT THE TIME HAD COME FOR "A GREATER PARTI-
CIPATION BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY OR,
IN ANY CASE, A STRONGER INCORPORATION IN THE MAJORITY." ASKED
IF HE WAS IN EFFECT CALLING FOR AN EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT TO INCLUDE
COMMUNISTS, LA MALFA REPLIED, "THIS IS AN ARRANGEMENT THAT
COULD BE TRIED NOW; THE POLITICAL CONDITIONS FOR IT EXIST.
IN FACT, IT IS ADVISABLE TO PROCEED BY INTERMEDIATE STEPS.
THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO BRING TO AN END THE PRESENT SINGLE PARTY
GOVERNMENT." IN LA MALFA'S VIEW, THE PRESENT POLITICAL
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SITUATION IS CHARACTERIZED BY TWO CONTROLLING FACTORS: THE "PARA-
ALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT" AND BERLINGUER'S SPEECH AT THE 60TH
PARTY CONGRESS WHICH MARKED "A VERY DEFINITE POLITICAL SHIFT."
THESE TWO CONSIDERATIONS IN CONJUNCTION SHOULD IN LA MALFA'S
VIEW, OPEN THE WAY FOR A GREATER COMMUNIST ROLE IN THE GOVER-
NMENT, A GOVERNMENT THAT WOULD THEN BE CAPABLE OF DEALING
EFFECTIVELY WITH ITALY'S PROBLEMS.

2. ANDREOTTI'S OFFICE HAS REJECTED BOTH LA MALGA'S PROPOSAL FOR RESTRUCTURING THE GOVERNMENT AND HIS ASSERTION OF ITS FAILURES. ACCORDING TO /IL MESSAGGERO/, ANDREOTTI BELIEVES THAT THE POLITICAL CONDITIONS WHICH LED TO THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT CONTINUE TO EXIST AND THAT THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE IN SIGHT TO THE PRESENT SINGLE-PARTY ARRANGEMENT.

3. ALTHOUGH NEITHER THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC NOR COMMUNIST PARTIES HAVE SO FAR OFFICIALLY COMMENTED ON THE INTERVIEWS, THE OTHER PARTIES HAVE SO FAR OFFICIALLY COMMENTED ON THE INTERVIEWS, THE OTHER PARTIES HAVE BEEN QUICK TO WEIGH IN. SOCIALIST PARTY SECRETARY CRAXI REPEATED HIS PARTY'S STANDARD POSITION: EITHER A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY, WHICH WBLDD INCLUDE THE COMMUNISTS AND THE OTHER ABSTAINING PARTIES, OR THE STATUS QUO; UNDER NO CINRCIMSTANCES WOULD THE SOCIALIST PARTY SUPPORT A CENTER-LEFT GOVERNMENT OR A COALITION OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS. SPEAKING FOR THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, VICE SECRETARY LONGO GAVE LA MALFA'S PROPOSAL VAGUE SUPPORT. A GRADUAL BROEENING OF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD, IN LONGO'S VIEW, HELP CLARIFY THE POLITICAL SITUATION AND AT THE SAME TIME ENCOURAGE FURTHER CHANGE IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY. LIBERAL LEADER ZANONE WARNED THAT IF THE COMMUNISTS PARTICIPATED IN GOVERNMENT IN ANY WAY HIS PARTY WOULD GO INTO OPPOSITION. NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER DELFINO SAID THAT LA MALFA'S PROPOSAL SHOULD SIMPLY BE SEEN IN THE LIGHT OF THE REPUBLICAN

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LEADER'S CAMPAIGN TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF ITALY.HOLMES

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